

2026 Department of Medicine Faculty Awards

Nominations due by: Friday, April 17, 2026

Award Ceremony: Wednesday, May 27, 5:30-7:00pm in COM-T Social Hall

Clinical Operations Leadership Award

This award recognizes a Department of Medicine faculty member whose contributions have significantly enhanced the efficiency, effectiveness, and sustainability of clinical operations within our institution. Through strategic problem-solving, systems thinking, and a commitment to excellence, the recipient supports high-functioning clinical environments that benefit both patients and care teams. Their work strengthens the foundation of academic medicine and fosters a culture of continuous improvement.

Community, Engagement, and Partnership Award

This award honors a Department of Medicine faculty member who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to strengthening community, engagement, and partnership within the Department, institution, and broader medical community. The recipient builds meaningful relationships, fosters collaboration across disciplines and roles, promotes health equity, and/or cultivates an environment where all members can contribute and thrive.

Excellence in Trainee Mentorship Award

This award honors a Department of Medicine faculty member who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to mentoring medical students, residents, and/or fellows. The recipient fosters professional growth, clinical excellence, scholarship, and personal wellbeing among trainees through dedicated guidance, advocacy, and role modeling. They meaningfully shape the next generation of physicians by creating supportive learning environments and investing deeply in the development, confidence, and success of emerging clinicians and scholars.

Excellence in Faculty Mentorship Award

This award honors a Department of Medicine faculty member who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to mentoring fellow faculty members across career stages. The recipient strengthens the academic community through career development guidance, sponsorship, collaboration, and leadership cultivation. They play a pivotal role in advancing professional growth, scholarly achievement, wellbeing, and retention by generously investing in the success and advancement of their colleagues.

Excellence in Quality & Patient Safety Award

This award honors a Department of Medicine faculty member who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to improving patient safety and healthcare quality. Through initiatives

that enhance clinical practices, reduce harm, and promote a culture of safety, the recipient has made a meaningful impact on the well-being of patients and the integrity of care delivery. Their work reflects dedication to continuous improvement and excellence in clinical outcomes.

Exemplary Collegiality and Service Award

This award honors a Department of Medicine faculty member who consistently demonstrates exceptional collegiality, responsiveness, and commitment to supporting others. The recipient reliably steps forward when needed, contributes generously to shared efforts, and strengthens the department through everyday acts of professionalism, collaboration, and service. The recipient is someone whose dependability, generosity, and steady presence make a meaningful difference to colleagues, learners, and the broader academic community.

Innovation in Medical Education Award

This award recognizes a Department of Medicine faculty member who has demonstrated exceptional creativity and impact in the development, implementation, or dissemination of innovative educational strategies within medical education. The recipient exemplifies forward-thinking approaches that enhance learning for medical students, residents, fellows, and/or peers, and advance the academic mission of our institution.

Innovation in Patient Care Award

This award recognizes a Department of Medicine faculty member who has developed and implemented a novel approach to improving patient care. Whether through clinical process redesign, use of technology, interdisciplinary collaboration, or new models of care delivery, the recipient has demonstrated creativity, initiative, and measurable impact. Their work enhances outcomes, efficiency, and patient experience, setting a standard for transformative care.

Rising Star Clinical Excellence Award

This award recognizes a Department of Medicine faculty member who demonstrates an unwavering commitment to clinical excellence, teamwork, and professionalism. The recipient is recognized for their exceptional work ethic, compassionate patient care, collaborative spirit, and positive contributions to the clinical and academic environment. They exemplify the values of integrity, collegiality, and dedication to the mission of patient-centered care.

Rising Star Research Award (assistant professors only)

This award recognizes a Department of Medicine faculty member for their burgeoning excellence in producing new insights into important biomedical topics. These insights may be delivered using clinical, translational, or basic research approaches and are demonstrable by high-quality peer-reviewed publications, acquisition of competitive external funding, and/or the

development of sustainable research programs that enhance the Department's research mission.

Outstanding Faculty Research Award (associate professors and professors only)

This award recognizes a Department of Medicine faculty member who has made significant research contributions toward advancing the field of medicine. This recognizes novel and significant research that will result in impactful advancements of the medical field, demonstrable by high-quality peer-reviewed publications, acquisition of competitive external funding, and/or the development of sustainable research programs that enhance the Department's research mission.